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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

TOBITA ET AL.

Examiner

Shean C. Wu

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 July 2006 and 29 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 8-12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/29/06.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1 and 3-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jester et al. (US 5,529,740).

The reference discloses a process for treating a film made by extrusion molding a polymer capable of forming an optically anisotropic melt phase, which comprises the steps of: heating said film, while contacting at least one surface of said film with a supporting body, to a temperature sufficient to melt said polymer; cooling the melted polymer to form a solidified polymer layer; and separating said solidified polymer layer from said supporting body. The reference film has an excellent resistance to heat and chemicals.

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The reference liquid crystal polymers are shown in Table 5, particularly in (a), which comprises terephthalic acid, ethylene glycol and hydroxybenzoic acid. The degree of orientation (%) = $[(180 - \theta_1)/180] \times 100$ is the same as equation 1 of the present invention (see col. 10, lines 3-31). The results of the reference examples by X-ray diffractometry having degree of planar orientation from 0.65 to 0.69 and degree of thickness orientation from 0.71 to 0.80 are encompassed by the present claims. Therefore, the reference anticipates the claimed invention.

It is noted that Claim 5 is a product claim not a process claim. The reference liquid crystal polymers have degree of planar orientation from 0.65 to 0.69, which anticipates the claimed invention.

4. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jester et al. (US 5,529,740).

The reference did not disclose the claimed product having heat conductivity in a range between 0.7 W/(m.K) and 20 W/(m.K). Because the reference examples having similar materials of the present invention, it would have been obvious to those skilled in the art to expect the reference examples having the similar heat conductivity.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 2 and 8-12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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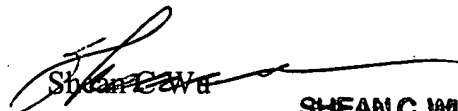
Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed 7/28/06, with respect to the rejections in the previous office action have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejections have been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, new grounds of rejection are made in view of Jester et al. (US 5,529,740) cited above sections 3-4.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shean C. Wu whose telephone number is 571-272-1393. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Huff can be reached on 571-272-1385. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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